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Despite wartime restrictions, hunting license holders during the 1942-43 season numbered 8,049,537, according to a preliminary report submitted to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The revenue derived by the States from the sale of these licenses amounted to \$13,455,636.

Based on reports received from 44 States, plus estimates for the four remaining States from which reports have not been received so far, these figures represent a decrease of 441,301, or only 5.2 percent, in the number of license holders, and 3.2 percent in revenue received, as compared with the 1942 figures.

That 8,035,076 fishing licenses were sold to anglers during the fiscal year 1943 is indicated from reports collected by the Service from 43 States, plus estimates for the five States that have not yet reported.

This is a decrease of 388,142, or 4.6 percent, as compared to the 8,423,218 angling license holders for the previous year.

The revenue from the 1943 fishing licenses was \$10,032,852, a decline of 6.5 percent from 1942.

According to a previous report made recently to Secretary Ickes, hunters who harvested the wild game crop during the 1942-43 hunting season took 255,404,000 pounds of usable meat.